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Classified By: Ambassador James C. Oberwetter for reasons 1.4(b) and (d
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[1](#)1. (S) Ambassador Oberwetter renewed USG concerns with Venezuela's candidacy for Latin America's open UNSC seat during an August 15 meeting with FM Saud al-Faisal. The Ambassador raised Ref A points, adding that President Chavez had vowed to support Iran "at any time and under any conditions" during his most recent visit to Tehran in late June. The FM did not overtly commit SAG support for Guatemala's UNSC bid, but said that he understands USG arguments and appreciates our concerns.
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